

This is a division of application serial no. 09/495,813, filed February 1, 2000, (Attorney Docket No. 1023-EP [2836-P100US]) entitled CIRCUITS, SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR INFORMATION PRIVATIZATION IN PERSONAL ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES by North, Perry, and Kircher, Inventors, currently pending:

"METHODS AND CIRCUITS FOR SELECTIVELY OPERATING A SYSTEM IN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT", U.S. Patent Application 09/____,____ (Attorney Docket No. 1023-EP-D2 [2836-P100d2]) filed concurrently herewith;

"METHODS AND CIRCUITS FOR SECURING ENCACHED INFORMATION", U.S. Patent Application 09/____,____ (Attorney Docket No. 1023-EP-D3 [2836-P100D3]) filed concurrently herewith; and

"METHODS FOR SYNTHESIZING TRANSLATION TABLES AND SYSTEMS USING THE SAME", U.S. Patent Application 09/____,____ (Attorney DOCKET No. 1023-EP-D4 [2836-P100D4]) filed concurrently herewith.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-50 and 57-65.

Please add the following new claims:

66. (New) A hand-held audio appliance comprising:

a system-on-a-chip for decoding a stream of encoded digital audio data to generate a stream of analog audio data comprising:

security circuitry for selectively operating said audio appliance in a secure mode of operation; and

a plurality of programmable elements accessible by said security circuitry for selectively enabling said security circuitry; and

a memory for storing a security procedure executable by said security circuitry to initiate said secure mode of operation.

67. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 66 wherein said programmable elements comprise a set of programmable fuses.

68. (New) The audio appliance of Claim 66 wherein said programmable elements comprise a set of read-only memory elements.